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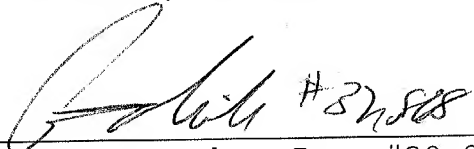
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- ☐ Petition for () month(s) extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a). \$0.00 for the extension of time.
- ☒ No fee is required.
- ☐ Check(s) in the amount of \$0.00 is(are) enclosed.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. This form is submitted in triplicate.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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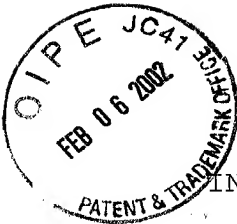
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REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

February 6, 2002

Sir:

In reply to the Examiner's Advisory Action dated November 6, 2001, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

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~~Claim 13. (Twice Amended)~~ A nucleic acid assay process for identifying and/or quantifying a mutation or polymorphism in a double stranded sample DNA prepared by amplification of a particular region of an analyte nucleic acid which is present in a specimen, comprising the steps of:

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providing labeled standard DNA having a nucleotide sequence the same as a mutated or polymorphic target DNA of interest,